**Crime against women in running trains**

1458. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NHRC has directed the Railway Board to ensure availability of FIR forms on running trains to prevent crimes against women;

(b) if so, whether the crime against women in running trains have increased during the last few year;

(c) whether concrete measures have been taken by the Railways for the safety of women passengers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether NHRC directives would check crime against women passengers in running trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. It does not mean that crime against women in running trains has increased.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken by the Railways.

1. Anti-social elements are removed from Railway premises and trains.
2. Coach Attendants/TTEs keep proper watch on the passengers entering/detraining from the coaches.
3. The coaches are locked during night hours.
4. FIR forms are made available with the Train Guards/Stations Masters/RPF to facilitate the Travelling public to lodge their reports immediately.
5. Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between RPF and GRP is done at all levels.
6. Announcement through Public Address system and CCTV at important Railway Stations to alert the travelling passengers against theft of their belongings etc.
7. RPF Assistance posts are provided at important stations to assist passengers in lodging FIRs with Government Railway Police.

8. Periodic High Level co-ordination Meetings with Government Railway Police and Local Police are conducted to analyze the crime position with a view to taking suitable preventive measures.

9. Steps have been taken to sensitize the RPF personnel to the problems of women passengers by organizing workshops and seminars.

10. Ladies' compartments are escorted in some suburban areas by lady constables of GRP and RPF.

11. Special squads consisting of ladies ticket checking staff and lady RPF personnel have been formed in Central, South Central and Western Railways to assist the women passengers.

(e) The directives will check crime against women to a satisfactory extent.

**Recruitment of Staff in CSIR**

1459. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the CSIR Service Rules, 1994 for recruitment of Scientific, Technical and Support Staff, cases of equivalence of qualification for recruitment have to be decided as per the list notified by CSIR;

(b) whether cases not covered in aforesaid have to be referred to CSIR Headquarters for determination of equivalence; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases referred for approval and the cases approved viz. name of institute and the reasons during the last three years, year-wise, item-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Biotech Research in India and China**

1460. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in The Hindustan Times dated the 4th February, 2002 captioned, 'China surges ahead of India in biotech race';